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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application:

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending applications or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said applications should not mature into patents,

such applications should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 CFR § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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